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WATERMAN FIRE

Dry Goods Stock Destroyed by Fire
Thursday Evening, April 17

ESTIMATED LOSS \$20,000.00

Building Damaged to the Extent of \$7,000.00
—Fire Department Did Excellent Work.

Last Thursday evening at 6:45 the ringing of the fire bell and the screaming of the fire whistle called our citizens and the fire department to the N. B. Waterman store, located in the Opera House block, where smoke in dense volumes was seen to be issuing from the basement windows. The fire proved to be one of the stubbornest in the history of the department and it was well toward ten o'clock before the same was under control.

Mr. Waterman and his corps of clerks had left the store at six o'clock or shortly after, everything apparently being in its usual condition. At 6:30 Joseph Wachalac, who rooms over the Smith & Clapp hardware store, upon going to his room detected smoke and made several attempts to locate its origin, and a few minutes later discovered it oozing out from crevices in the stairway leading to the Bell Telephone Co's office. At about the same time smoke commenced to appear from the front basement windows and the alarm was immediately turned in and the fire department quickly on the scene; several lines of hose were laid and the firemen soon had water on the fire when the pressure dropped and a stream reaching not more than two or three feet from the end of the nozzle was obtainable. Investigation showed that the gate at the power house had been closed by the breaking of a chain or bolt and the water wheels for lack of water closed down. The city steam pump was got into commission and after a vexatious delay of some twenty or more minutes, water was again obtainable. However, during this time the fire which was in the basement had made great headway and the firemen found it difficult to get at the seat of the fire owing to the dense clouds of smoke which poured from the building.

Under the direction of Chief Joseph Sartor the department succeeded in confining the fire to the first floor and basement of the building. The Waterman stock, valued at \$20,000 to \$22,500, carried an insurance of \$15,000. The building, which was owned by the Alma Realty Co., carried insurance sufficient to meet the loss.

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GRAY & GRAY.

Opened Restaurant and Lunch Counter in Miller Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray have opened a lunch counter and restaurant in the Miller block opposite the post office. The rooms have been thoroughly and neatly overhauled and present an attractive appearance. They will make a specialty of short order cooking and our citizens who enjoy a lunch or square meal with neat and tidy surroundings are invited to call. The small room to the west has been converted into a smoking room where a line of cigars will always be found.

The Alma College Glee club concert which was not given last Thursday evening because of the fire in the W. B. Waterman store will be given next Tuesday evening, April 29th, in Realty opera house.

GROVER TO MOVE.

Commencing Saturday evening of this week F. O. Grover will commence moving his stock into the first room west of the Alma Vandette, 118 East Superior street. Mr. Grover, when he has his stock moved and arranged will have one of the neatest salesrooms in central Michigan. The store room vacated by Mr. Miller will be occupied by J. L. Miller & Son with a stock of gents' and ladies' shoes.

FULLY APPRECIATED

Governor Cox of Ohio Acknowledges Receipt of Alma's Gift.

John Knoetzer of the First State bank is in receipt of the following letter from Governor James M. Cox of Ohio in acknowledgment of a draft for the amount of money recently raised by our citizens and by Mr. Knoetzer forwarded to the State executive.

State of Ohio,
Executive Department,
Columbus, April 16, 1913.

My Dear Friends:

For the stricken people of Ohio I want to thank you for your offering. We are touched not more by these substantial generosity than by the largeness of the hearts of those from whom they flow.

The elements have wrought us a staggering havoc. But this is a great State. She will recover. The lights of love and hope will point the way.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES M. COX.

Mr. J. K. Knoetzer, Alma, Mich.
For citizens.

CITY OF ALMA SECURES CROSSING PROTECTION

State R. R. Commissioners Order P. M. R. R. to Place a Flagman at Woodworth Ave. Crossing—Superior St. Crossing to be Guarded Until 9:30 p. m. Six Days in the Week.

It will be remembered that some few weeks ago the Michigan R. R. Commission representatives visited Alma and in company with Mayor Montigel and other citizens visited the various railroad crossings of the city. The necessity of additional safeguards was plainly shown the gentlemen with the result that Wednesday the following communications were received in this city:

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Before the Michigan Railroad Commission—
Session of the Michigan Railroad Commission held at its offices in the City of Lansing on the 18th day of April, A. D. 1913.

Present: Lawton T. Hemans, Chairman, C. L. Glasgow, Commissioner, James Scully, Commissioner.

In re application of the citizens of the City of Alma for additional protection at Superior street, Center street and Lincoln street crossings of the tracks of the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroads in the City of Alma, Gratiot County, Michigan.

Application having been received from the citizens of Alma for additional protection at the Superior street, Center street and Lincoln street crossings of the tracks of the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroads in the city of Alma, Gratiot county, Michigan, and the premises in question having been inspected by Commissioner Scully and Inspecting Engineer Bice, at which time representatives of the city of Alma as well as representatives of the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor Railroad companies were heard with reference to the said application and the Commission after examining the report of the said inspection have determined that the safety of the public reasonably demands additional protection at the above described crossings.

Therefore, It is Hereby Ordered, That within five (5) days from service hereof, that you, the said Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor Railroad companies cause the hours of the flagman at the Superior street crossing to be from seven o'clock a. m. to nine-thirty o'clock p. m., instead of from seven o'clock a. m. to six o'clock p. m., and,

It is Further Ordered, That all trains and engines on the Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor railroads be reduced in speed not to exceed ten (10) miles per hour over the said Superior street crossing between the hours of nine-thirty p. m. and seven o'clock a. m., and,

It is Further Ordered, That you, the said Pere Marquette and Ann Arbor Railroad companies, within thirty (30) days from service of this order, cause to be installed and thereafter effectively maintained and operated, an automatic alarm bell at the said Center street and Lincoln street crossing. The said alarm bell to be operated by the flagman located at Superior street. The cost and expense of the construction, installation, maintenance and operation of the said alarm bell shall be borne jointly by the Pere Marquette and the Ann Arbor Railroad companies, share and share alike until the further order of this Commission, and,

It is Further Ordered, That the

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TO THE PHILIPPINES

Paul Morgan Left Alma Monday for the Far East

TOOK BATH IN THE PINE FRIDAY

In Company with Alfred Papworth, He Struck Bottom and Was Later Rescued.

Friday afternoon came near putting an end to a rosy future for two young men, one a resident of Alma and the other a college student. On the afternoon of May 9th, Paul Morgan and Alfred Papworth, unimpaired by the prevailing high winds and the strong current of the river, started for a canoe ride up the Pine. They had not been out long when the canoe capsized and both boys were thrown into the river though they retained a hold on the canoe which turned over twice. Some man, a stranger, who was fishing from the banks of the river saw them and breaking a boat loose from its moorings went to their rescue. As they were in the water only a few moments the results were no more than severe colds and a determination to learn to swim.

Mr. Papworth is a sophomore in college and lives in Howell.

Mr. Morgan recently returned from the Missouri State University where he spent several months in special study. He left Alma Monday for San Francisco and expects to sail from that city May 3rd on the steamship Magnolia for the Philippine Islands, where he has a position with the United States government supervising a group of native teachers.

ATHLETIC EXHIBITION

Miss Bjorn and Class of Fifty College Girls Give Charming Entertainment

When nearly fifty girls attired in gym suits entered the gymnasium of the new high school Saturday evening in the ever popular grand march, they had the attention of the crowd in the galleries and from that time on eyes were directed on the scenes taking place on the floor below. Especially pleasing was the work of ten little folks who, clad in white, gave five different dances including a Russian dance, the Ostdend and Csebogor as well as the more familiar waltz and two-step. The extension drills, calisthenics, dumb-bell and wand drills in which the freshmen and sophomore girls of the college were exhibited, showed good training in ensemble work and gymnastics. The Portland fancy and Swedish weaving dances were picturesquely costumed and the minut with the quaint costumes of colonial days was perhaps the most attractive dance given during the evening. In "Supplication" the entire class were dressed in white Grecian costumes and presented a pretty effect. Miss Bonnie Fuller, who gave two solo dances, the Gavotte and Irish Lilt, did excellent work. A good deal of credit is due the pianists, the Misses Haefliger, Fuller and Bielby, and still more to Miss Bjorn, the physical instructor, for the splendid evidence given that the college has an efficient director of athletics for women.

CHANGE OWNERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Gals Purchase Harvey Hubbard's Restaurant.

Harvey Hubbard, who has been conducting the "Hub" cafe for the past two years sold out last week Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gals of Belding, who will continue the business in the same location. Mrs. Gals is a lady with experience in restaurant work, took immediate possession and will have charge of the business until her husband arrives May 1st. The cafe has been repainted and painted and other repairs made. It will be run on the same plan that made the place so popular under Mr. Hubbard's management, with the added convenience of regular Sunday dinners, which will be given special attention. In addition to the short order work, Mrs. Gals will take regular boarders.

Before you buy that suit of clothes see us. We have them. O. W. Swisher.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

The Mt. Pleasant Normal will give the most expensive music festival yet undertaken by this school on May 8 and 9. On the evening of May 8th Madam Grace Hall Riheldaffer, who has been soloist for the New York Symphony Orchestra, the Russian Symphony Orchestra, of New York, the Washington Symphony Orchestra, and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, will give a song recital. The Normal Chorus of 130 voices will also render selected choruses from the best oratorios. An orchestra of 25 pieces has been engaged for the festival.

On the afternoon of May 9th the numbers will be:

(1) A children's cantata "The Walrus and the Carpenter."
(2) Selected songs, by Jennie F. W. Johnson, contralto of Chicago.

(3) An Orchestra concert.
On the evening of May 9th the Opera Stradella will be given in the Opera house. Madam Riheldaffer and Vernon T. Carey, tenor of New York, will take the chief parts. The chorists and principals are outfitted by Tam's well known New York city outfit. Stage management is in charge of the Department of Dramatic Expression and the dances are in charge of the Physical Education Department.

The festival is under the direction of Prof. William Ranch, Mt. Pleasant's new music director.

NEW APPORTIONMENT

Gratiot, Under Pending Bill, Will Be in 8th Congressional District

Congressional re-apportionment bobs up at the last minute as possible enactment at this session, by virtue of a bill reported out by the senate committee on apportionment Monday night, which differs quite an extent from the house bill but which the senate friends of the measure believe will be accepted by the house in conference. The districts as proposed by the Senate committee report, are as follows:

First—First, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth, fifteenth, and seventeenth wards, city of Detroit.

Second—Jackson, Monroe, Lenawee, Washtenaw counties, and ten townships in Wayne and the city of Wyandotte.

Third—Eaton, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Branch, Hillsdale counties.

Fourth—Barry, Allegan, Van Buren, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph counties.

Fifth—Kent and Ottawa counties.

Sixth—Ingham, Livingston, Genesee, Oakland and nine townships in Wayne.

Seventh—Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac, Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb.

Eighth—Gratiot, Saginaw, Clinton, Shiawassee, Ionia, Montcalm.

Ninth—Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Manistee, Wexford, Mason, Lake, Oceana, Newaygo, Muskegon, Missaukee.

Tenth—Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Mecosta, Isabella, Midland, Bay.

Eleventh—Alger, Delta, Menominee, Schoolcraft, Luce, Mackinac, Chippewa, Emmet, Cheboygan Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorenci, Alpena, Kalkaska.

Twelfth—Keweenaw, Houghton, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Baraga, Iron, Marquette, Dickinson.

Thirteenth—Second, fourth, sixth, eighth, tenth, twelfth, fourteenth, sixteenth, and eighteenth wards, city of Detroit.

If this bill should pass both houses and receive the Governor's signature, Gratiot county will be in the eighth Congressional district instead of the Eleventh.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

St. Mary's, Alma, April 27.
High Mass and sermon, 10:30 a. m.
Thursday May 1—Feast of the Ascension. Low Mass and sermon, 6:00 a. m.

St. Louis, April 27.
Low Mass and sermon, 8:00 a. m.

NORTHON WILL BE HEAD OF REED CITY SCHOOLS.

Supt. J. T. Northon of the East Jordan schools has been engaged to act as superintendent of the Reed City schools next year. Mr. Northon has spent the last four years in East Jordan.

Rev. H. S. Higgins of Philadelphia, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in this city has been extended a call from the Baptist church in Ithaca. He has preached in Ithaca the past two Sundays and will occupy the pulpit the coming Sunday, though as yet he has not decided either to accept or reject the call.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

Held at High School Auditorium Wednesday Evening.

MISS M'GREGH, INSTRUCTOR

Wins Additional Honors for Excellent Work Shown by Chorus and Solo Numbers.

Last evening at the High school auditorium the Annual High School concert was given under the direction of Miss Harriet E. McGraham, assisted by Mr. Albert A. Glockzin, tenor, and Miss Laura Ambury, accompanist. The following program was rendered:

Piano Solo—Second Mazurka in B-flat Godard
..... Miss Ruth Bennett.
(a) On Gallant Company..... Becker
(b) The Violet's Fate..... Franz Abt
..... Chorus.
Violin Solo—Adoration..... Borowski
..... Miss Esther Dunham.
The Cottage on the Hill..... Fears
..... Boys' Glee Club.
(a) Song of the Vikings..... Fanning
(b) A Merry Life..... Denza
..... Chorus.
(a) Recitative and Aria—If with all your hearts (from Elijah) Mendelssohn
(b) My Dreams Tosti
..... Mr. Glockzin.
Revel of the Leaves..... Veazie
..... Chorus.
Intermission.
Piano Solo—Serenade..... Jensen
..... Miss Laura Ambury
O Lovely Night (Barcarolle from "Les Contes d'Hoffman")..... Offenbach-Spieker
..... Chorus.
(a) To Thee, O Country..... National Hymn
(b) May Dance..... LaCome
..... Girls' Glee Club.
Song of High School Days..... Adams
..... Boys' Glee Club.
(a) Obstinat..... H. De Fontenailles
(b) Weigenlied..... Brahms
(c) Stiel Wie die Nacht..... Carl Bohm
(d) Ecstasy..... Walter Morse Rummel
..... Mr. Glockzin.
The Postillion..... Molloy
..... Chorus.

Every number on the program was the recipient of applause from the large audience. The excellent manner in which each and every number was rendered speaks louder than words for the efficient work of the superintendent of the musical department of the High school, Miss Harriet McGraham.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, We the members of Seville and Sumner Farmers' club do mourn the loss of our beloved friend and co-laborer Gustavus Quick; Therefore, Be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved wife and daughter and remind them that while we must bow our heads to the inevitable, it is only a short time until we will greet him again in the new kingdom where sorrow and death never come.

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record of the club and published in the Alma Record and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

Signed by the committee,
JAMES GARRETT,
MRS. E. A. POTTER,
MRS. E. A. FERRIS.

J. L. MILLER & SON

Will Again Enter the Business Field With a Large Up-to-date Shoe Stock

On or about May 1, J. L. Miller and son Ralph will install in the building to be vacated by Grover's Drug Store an up-to-date stock of ladies' and gentlemen's footwear. Mr. Miller informs us that this is one of the best stocks of wearing shoes they have ever owned.

J. L. Miller & Son will guarantee every pair of shoes or other footwear sold by them, to give entire satisfaction to the purchaser. They say they will consider it a favor if your purchase does not give satisfaction in every particular to return same, as they want every article sold to give entire satisfaction, and stand ready to make good any defect in purchase. No shoddy goods in stock. The stock consists largely of Pingree, Regal, Ralston and Johnson shoes.

Watch their windows every evening and be present every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, their bargain nights.

BIG DAY AT BRECKENRIDGE.

The Gratiot County I. O. O. F. association will celebrate the 94th anniversary of the founding of Odd-fellowship in North America at Breckenridge, Friday of this week. There will be a big parade at 1:30 p. m., headed by two bands and several Canton teams, and Canton drills will be given by the Owosso, Ithaca, St. Louis, Saginaw and Alma Canton teams. A special train has been secured which will leave Bannister at 8:00 a. m., Ashley at 8:10, North Star 8:20, Ithaca 8:30, Alma 9:00 and St. Louis at 9:10 a. m. Returning the train will leave Breckenridge at 10 p. m. The Oddfellows of Breckenridge are planning to make it the biggest day in the history of the association.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. C. P. Meeker preached to large audiences in the M. E. church both morning and evening. The Presbyterian church closed Sunday evening and attended in a body to hear the Evangelist, the crowd filling the house to the doors. Miss Gilbert of Charlotte, sister of Mrs. John Spinney, sang a solo which was greatly appreciated. The evangelist spoke on the greatness of the Christian life, emphasizing the fact that now is the only time we can make sure of our decision. A large number responded to the invitation and made their decision.

STREET SPRINKLING

The Civic Improvement League Will Have Charge of 1913 Sprinkling

The Civic Improvement League, will again have charge of the street sprinkling this season. The following prices have been decided upon:

Store or shop, 25 cents.
Two stores, 50 cents.
Double store, 40 cents.
Office, 10 cents.
Residence, 15 cents.
Ten cents for each additional lot.
Twenty-five cents of corner sprinkled on both sides.

Solicitors from the League are at work this week and it is hoped that they will meet with the co-operation of the citizens. All proceeds from the sprinkling go toward public improvements.

Mayor Montigel has appointed Ald-Caple and Rowland to see that efficient work is done by the drivers and with their aid, we hope to have a very successful season.

CHAIRMAN SPRINKLING COM.

MAYOR MONTIGEL'S ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

Outlines 1913 City Improvements—Recommends Paving From Court Street to Alma Manufacturing Co.'s Plant, Also One Block on Wright Ave. —Sidewalks Extended.

To the Clerk and Common Council of the City of Alma:

Gentlemen—The battle is over, and the smoke having cleared away, I find myself very much to my surprise, elected to the office of Mayor for the third time.

I appreciate the honor and confidence our people are placing in me, and I assure you that their confidence shall not be betrayed. I shall do everything in my power to improve and beautify our city and to promote its welfare, practicing as much municipal economy as is possible and be in keeping with the times.

I also wish to thank the members of the Council and all the other city officials for their hearty co-operation and Mr. Kress for the kindness and courtesy he has extended to me during the year. I hope the business of the coming year can be conducted along as pleasant lines as it has been in the past.

I am not sure that I am aware of the number of improvements your Honorable body will see fit to make this year. I should, however, like to call to your attention a few improvements and suggestions that, in my judgment, ought to be made, and should the Council decide to make them, I have no doubt but that we will be quite busy for some time, and earn our salaries in the meantime.

The sidewalks, of course, we expect to put into proper shape as soon as the weather is settled, and I have already given orders to both telephone companies to get their poles out as soon as possible. It is to be hoped that they will not put us to the expense of passing an ordinance compelling them to do so.

But, as they must come out, would it not be wise for our citizens to meet

THOMAS B. FLETCHER

Delivered Able Address at the Opera House Last Friday Evening.

"THE MARTYRDOM OF FOOLS"

Was His Subject, and Which He Handled in a Masterly Manner.

Last Friday night at the Opera House a large, appreciative audience listened to Thomas Brooks Fletcher deliver his famous lecture, "The Martyrdom of Fools." Evidently his experience as a newspaper man gave him his subject. He said, "The man who never does or says a foolish thing is the biggest fool yet. The only one I ever knew was in a museum stuffed with sawdust. If we had the wit to see ourselves as others see us we would not laugh at any other fool again. But the trouble is we think all the world are fools except us. That's the first symptom of fools. Nature never wastes either a fool or a freak, we can learn something from all of them. When bigoted fools gain power they become tyrants. They believe stupidity to be wisdom and hold as sacrifice any desire to investigate. Martyrs have loved the light of reason and free air and have consecrated with their blood their love of liberty and the right to think. But of independent thinkers all are not wise nor are all investigators martyrs. Some hover around the mysteries of occult science like a butterfly over a mudhole and never find the beauty of God's blossoming fields all around them. Some have only the curiosity of the Irishman who pried open a silt to get a better view of a wild rabbit caged for shipment in an express office. The rabbit popped out nearly knocking him down with the suddenness of its spring and out of the office, down the street and out into the country. As the Irishman gasped for breath on the top of a hill which he had gained in the mad pursuit only to see the vanishing cotton tail disappear in the distant wood, he shouted, 'Go on! You don't know where you're going! The address is on the box!' We demonstrate our foolishness in numberless ways, but the man with an idea is the fellow sought. We say, 'My pa was a Methodist,' or, 'My pa was a Republican,' because we are than fools. We seem to believe that too lazy or stupid to think out a decent reason for what we are doing.

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